

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of

Closed Captioning of Video Programming

Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc.
Petition for Rulemaking

CG Docket No. 05-231

ORDER

Adopted: November 16, 2005

Released: November 17, 2005

By the Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau:

1. On July 21, 2005, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*¹ in the above-captioned proceeding. The current deadline for filing reply comments is November 25, 2005.

2. On November 15, 2005, the Commission received a *Request for Extension of Time* in this proceeding filed by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB).² NAB requests that the Commission extend the deadline for filing reply comments until December 16, 2005. NAB contends that the *NPRM* produced a significant record from hundreds of commenters, and that reviewing all of the filings for purposes of preparing a meaningful response is extremely time-consuming.³ NAB notes that it is in the process of collecting and analyzing the information provided in the comments, and that the substantive reply comments will require a reasonable amount of additional time.⁴ Lastly, NAB notes that the reply comments are currently due the day after the Thanksgiving holiday.⁵ NAB asserts that a brief extension of the Reply Comment deadline will enable the Commission to gather and consider a more complete factual record of the relevant legal issues, and as such, will serve the public interest.⁶

3. The Commission does not routinely grant extensions of time.⁷ Upon review, however, we agree that an extension will afford parties the necessary time to coordinate and file reply comments

¹ *Closed Captioning of Video Programming, Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CG Docket No. 05-231, 20 FCC Rcd 13211 (July 21, 2005) (*NPRM*).

² National Association of Broadcasters, *Request for Extension of Time*, filed November 15, 2005. NAB's original *Request for Extension* was filed on November 14, 2005, but the corrected version, which is referenced herein, was filed on November 15, 2005.

³ NAB *Request for Extension of Time*, at 1.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ NAB *Request for Extension of Time*, at 2.

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

that will facilitate the compilation of a more complete record in this proceeding, without causing undue delay to the Commission's consideration of the issues.

4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the *Request for Extension* of Time filed by the National Association of Broadcasters on November 15, 2005, **IS GRANTED**. Interested parties may file reply comments on or before December 16, 2005.

5. This action is taken pursuant to the authority provided in Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, and under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.141 and 0.361 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.141, 0.361.

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